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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forms Under Review of Office of Management and Budget

January 27, 1995.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) since the last list was published. This list is grouped into new proposals, revisions, extension or reinstatements. Each entry contains the following information:

(1) Agency proposing the information collection; (2) Title the information collection; (3) Form number(s), if applicable; (4) Who will be required or asked to report; (5) An estimate of the number of responses; (6) An estimate of the total number of hours needed to provide the information; (7) Name and telephone number of the agency contact person.

Questions about the items in the listing should be directed to the agency person named at the end of each entry. Copies of the proposed forms and supporting documents may be obtained from: Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Room 404-W Admin. Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20250; (202) 690-2118.

Revision

- Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Crop Insurance Acreage Report and Unit Division Option Form FCI-19 and FCI-553
Individuals or households; Farms;
1,750,000 responses; 872,500 hours
Bonnie L. Hart, (202) 254-8393
- Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Crop Insurance Application and Continuous Contract FCI-12
Individuals or households; Farms;
1,750,000 responses; 147,000 hours
Bonnie L. Hart, (202) 254-8393
- Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Production and Yield Report FCI-19-A

Individuals or households, Farms;
1,750,000 responses; 437,500 hours
Bonnie L. Hart, (202) 254-8393

- Agricultural Marketing Service
7 CFR Part 70, Regulations for voluntary Grading of Poultry Products and Rabbit Products and U.S. Classes, Standards, and Grades
PY-32 and PY-33

State or local governments; Businesses or other for-profit; small businesses or organizations; 31,959 responses; 3,027 hours

Martin Szekeresh, Jr., (202) 720-3506

- Forest Service
State and Private Forestry Assistance; Stewardship Incentive Program—36 CFR Part 230
USDA Forms SIP-245, -36, -502, -211, -211-1

Individuals or households; farms; businesses or other for-profit; Federal agencies or employees; non-profit institutions; small businesses or organizations; 30,000 responses; 62,100 hours

New Collection-Emergency

- Agricultural Marketing Service
Ocean Freight Rate Study
Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; farms; Federal Government; 150 responses; 450 hours

Kate E. Healey (202), 690-2325

Larry K. Roberson,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service; Nahunta Swamp Watershed; Green and Wayne Counties, NC

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council of Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, North Carolina Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United

States Department of Agriculture, give notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Nahunta Swamp Watershed, Greene and Wayne Counties, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dewey C. Botts, Director, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, North Carolina Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611, Telephone (919) 733-2302 or Richard A. Gallo, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 205, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609, Telephone (919) 790-2888.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant adverse local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Richard A. Gallo, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project concerns a plan for watershed protection. The planned works of improvement include accelerated technical and financial assistance to apply land treatment measures on 7,000 acres of cropland and install 15 animal waste management systems. Additional non-federal funding has been secured for restoration of 500 acres of wetlands (bottomland hardwoods) in the flood plain of Nahunta Swamp.

The Notice of A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy request at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Dewey C. Botts.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 24, 1995.

Richard A. Gallo,
State Conservationist.

("This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No.

10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with state and local officials.”)

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Forest Service

Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area Plan, Wenatchee National Forest, Kittitas County Washington and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, King County, Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA-Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to develop and evaluate a range of alternatives for management of the 212,700 acres in the Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area (AMA), as directed by the April 13, 1994 Record of Decision (ROD) for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl. This area is located within both the Cle Elum Ranger District of the Wenatchee National Forest in Kittitas County, and the North Bend Ranger District of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in King County.

The alternatives will be consistent with the emphasis direction as described in the ROD, which is the “Development and implementation, with the participation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, of a scientifically credible, comprehensive plan for providing late-successional forest on the “checkerboard” lands”. This forest Service proposal is scheduled for completion no later than December 1995.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope and implementation of this proposal must be received by February 20, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions and comments about this EIS should be directed to Floyd J. Rogalski, Project Planner, Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 West Second Street, Cle Elum, Washington 98922; Phone 509-674-4411, ext. 315.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is initiating this action in response to the Snoqualmie Pass AMA emphasis direction, on page D-16 of the ROD for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management

Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl.

The Snoqualmie Pass AMA is a 212,700 acre portion of the North Cascades east of North Bend and west Cle Elum, along Interstate 90. Most of the AMA is within the Wenatchee National Forest. The western portion is within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The vegetation in the area varies from cool, moist forest on the westside of the crest to drier, more fire prone forest on the eastside. The most defining characteristic of this AMA is its checkerboard ownership.

Approximately every other square mile is privately owned, even though it is within the National Forest boundary.

Issues that have been identified to date include: (1) Provision of late-successional forest and connectivity in an area where much of the land belongs to private companies; (2) the fact that the I-90 highway corridor acts as a barrier to the movement of plants and animals; (3) the need to create an environment where communities and agencies can work together to develop an innovative management approach.

The proposed action is to adopt the Standards and Guidelines for the Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves from the ROD for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl.

The plan will focus on Late-successional characteristics and riparian guidelines, deferring to the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee Land and Resource Management Plans on other issues such as recreation and wilderness management. The decision to be made is what standards and guidelines, if any, to adopt for the management of late-successional and riparian habitat in the Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area.

Alternatives to the proposed action that we have identified at this time include: (1) No Action; and (2) Developing another scientifically credible plan(s) that meets the emphasis of the Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area. Other alternatives will be developed in response to issues identified during the scoping process for the EIS. All alternatives will need to respond to specific conditions in the Snoqualmie Pass area.

Public participation will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in

or affected by the proposed action. The scoping process includes:

1. Identifying potential issues;
2. Identifying issues to be analyzed in depth;
3. Eliminating insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental process;
4. Exploring and identifying additional alternatives.
5. Identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e. direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions); and
6. Determining potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

Public meetings will be held in both eastern and western Washington. Notice of meeting dates and locations will be published in the newspapers of record for the Wenatchee and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests. These include the Seattle Post-intelligencer, Wenatchee World, and Yakima Herald Republic. The February 15th meeting will be a Scientist's Forum and will focus on scientific aspects of the AMA. The scoping meetings are planned to be held as follows.

January 31, 1995—7 to 9 p.m., North Bend Ranger Station, 42404 SE North Bend Way, North Bend, WA, Phone: 202-888-1421

February 9, 1995—7 to 9 p.m., Cle Elum Ranger Station, 803 West Second St., Cle Elum, WA, Phone: 509-674-4411

February 8, 1995—7 to 9 p.m., White River Ranger Station, 857 Roosevelt Ave. East, Enumclaw, WA, Phone: 206-825-6585

February 15, 1995—10 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Bend Ranger Station, 42404 SE North Bend Way, North Bend, WA, Phone: 206-888-1421.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by October 1995. At that time, copies of the draft EIS will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, and members of the public for their review and comment. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date of the EPA Notice of Availability as published in the **Federal Register**. It is very important that those interested in the management of the Wenatchee and the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests participate at that time.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying the considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specified as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or